

MINUTES of a MEETING OF PENTEWAN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY 20 July 2016 in THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ST AUSTELL ONE STOP SHOP at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Derek Yeo (Chairman), George Muskett, Ian Watkins, Mike Ward, Ralph Curr, Miles Avery, Miranda Smith

In attendance: Julie Larter (Clerk); Cllr James Mustoe CC; PCSO Tony Hemming; 23 members of the public

(16/051) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Vicky Cartwright and Cllr Liz Mahoney.

(16/052) Minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2016

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2016 be signed as an accurate record of the meeting subject to the following amendment: Under "In Attendance" Miranda Smith should have been noted as a member of the public.

(16/053) Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

Cllr Muskett declared a non-registerable interest in agenda item 8 (ii) as he is treasurer of a trust of which Natural Retreats are members. Cllr Muskett requested and was granted a dispensation to speak.

Cllr Avery declared a non-registerable interest in agenda item 8 (i) as he lives nearby.

(16/054) Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Miranda Smith to the Parish Council.

(16/055) Public Participation

The Chairman said that he would take comments from members of the public as the planning application they were interested appeared on the agenda.

(16/056) Cornwall Councillor's Report

Cllr Mustoe reported that he had had a meeting with Cllr Bert Biscoe to discuss traffic concerns on Tregorrick Road and Cllr Biscoe had been very receptive. Cllr Mustoe is investigating whether some s106 money from Phases I and II of the Tregorrick Way development could go towards traffic calming measures. Cllr Mustoe confirmed that verge trimming on Tregorrick Road is included in Cormac's schedule for this year. He also commented that a double-decker bus had one of its windows smashed by an overhanging branch when travelling along the Pentewan Valley and pruning work is being carried out accordingly.

(16/057) Devon and Cornwall Police Report

PCSO Hemming stated that 6 crimes had been reported between 21 June and 19 July: 1 x theft from a vehicle, 2 x thefts, 2 x burglaries and 1 attempted burglary. The 2 burglaries

took place on the same night at the rugby club and the football club. The attempted burglary was in the Tregorrick Road development and PCSO Hemming reminded people of the need for vigilance during the current warm weather and to keep windows closed when a room is unoccupied. The thefts were in Menagwins car park and around Pentewan harbour.

PCSO Hemming said that the Police Road Safety Team were currently assessing London Apprentice and other areas within the parish for the suitability of siting the speed camera van. Cllr Mustoe referred to his recent traffic survey and said that he was disappointed with the reaction from Cornwall Council and Cllr Biscoe that in their opinion there was no evidence to necessitate changing the speed limits. Cllr Avery asked whether the speed van would be sited near the Pentewan junction but PCSO Hemming said not at the moment. The Chairman enquired about the use of radar guns and PCSO Hemming stated that he could carry out a survey, but has no powers to issue tickets, this has to be done by a Police Officer. He pointed out that resources are very short. PCSO Hemming left the meeting at 7.10 pm.

(16/058) Planning Applications and Related Matters

(i) PA16/05242 – 1 Higher West End, Pentewan: Proposed dwelling house

The Chairman invited members of the public to express their views.

Mrs Coop said that she had previously objected to the proposal as she had concerns about light and privacy. She said that the latest plans would decrease overshadowing but there were other concerns, namely that there was no engineering report and digging out may destabilise the ground; the parish council had previously asked for a percolation report and this had not been included in the application; there was a contradiction on the plans regarding the boundary; she had concerns about the sedum roof which could eventually become a seating area; the plans state that work would be undertaken during the down season, but there was no confirmation of dates for this; she was concerned that as the house is set down into the ground, there would be a lack of light.

Mr Wood currently cultivates the plot as an allotment and commented that the land is solid rock below the soil level. Information in the plans regarding foul water disposal appears to be ambiguous and digging to facilitate a channel would in his opinion take 2 days and the noise would be unbearable.

Mr Honey suggested that the amount of rock to be taken off site would amount to around 1000 lorry loads and the scheme is not viable in his opinion.

It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that the Parish Council objects to the proposal for the following reasons:**

- 1. The proposed building is out of character with the rest of the village**
- 2. There would be a loss of amenity**
- 3. Drainage/sewerage issues have still not been satisfactorily resolved**

Furthermore the Parish Council was disappointed that there was no representation from either the applicant or their agent at the meeting.

Cllr Mustoe said he will talk to the planning officer and will call the application in if it is recommended for approval.

(ii) PA16/03739 – Trehiddle Park: Development of 23 residential properties, a 26 bed inn building forming flexible self-catering apartments, clubhouse with swimming pool, flexible function spaces and an outdoor multi-use games area, extension of the reception building to

create a storehouse café, improved landscaping to include nature trails, pathways, better accessibility, family spaces and associated parking. Re-routing of the entrance road.

The Chairman invited members of the public to express their views.

Maureen Cray said that the area is in effect a retirement village, children are not allowed. Ms Cray had concerns about lorries on the access road during construction. She also enquired whether it was permitted to build houses in front of park homes and bungalows.

David Hunt expressed concerns about disturbances from the clubhouse and road safety.

Philip Jenkins expressed concerns about the narrow entrance road, the impact of additional cars and that the entrance from the B3273 was inadequate. He said residents would lose their present peaceful existence.

Linda Gray expressed concerns for childrens' safety due to bends in the road and the woods being dangerous.

The Chairman said that there was already planning permission in place for the houses. He said that Cornwall Council's Highways Officer would consider the safety of the road junction.

Cllr Mustoe said that he has spoken to the planning officer who will advise that signage and speed humps are to be included as part of the application. The planning officer has spoken to the applicant who will address the matter if planning permission is grant.

It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that the Parish Council has no objections in principle but wishes to make the following comments:**

- 1. Concern over the proximity of some of the proposed buildings in relation to the existing park homes site.**
- 2. It is important to ensure that access for both construction and residential traffic is not routed through existing housing.**
- 3. Consideration should be given to the main access road from the Pentewan Road in terms of its suitability to cope with additional traffic.**
- 4. The Parish Council would like to see conditions put on the clubhouse to ensure that there is no adverse impact on residents or other holiday home users**

(16/059) Cornwall Council Stakeholder Survey

Members declined to complete the survey as they felt it was a waste of time.

(16/060) Pentewan Flood Defences (Pentewan Emergency Plan)

The matter is ongoing.

(16/061) Coastal Flooding Risk

Cllr Mustoe reported that a meeting is due to be held with Steve Double MP and Helen Nicholson during August and he will advise the Council of the date.

(16/062) River Banks

Cllr Watkins reported that he had surveyed the river banks this morning and did not identify any problems.

(16/063) Menagwins Water Treatment Works/Levalsa Pumping Station

There was nothing to report.

(16/064) Menagwins Car Park

Cllr Watkins stated that litter continues to be a problem. The clerk said that she has contacted McDonalds asking for them to undertake a litter pick but has heard nothing back. Cllr Curr said that the Rotary Club were always looking to undertake litter picks. Cllr Ward will arrange a litter pick shortly.

(16/065) Parish Logo

A parish logo was chosen and the Clerk will ascertain what is needed to make it suitable for the village sign and to go on letterhead.

(16/066) Public Toilets

The Clerk reported that the lease has now gone for registration at the Land Registry. An invoice has been received for professional fees and the Clerk has invoiced Cornwall Council accordingly. The first business rate bill has been received - the building has a rateable value of 1000 and the Clerk reported that she has asked Cornwall Council for Small Business Rate Relief for the public conveniences instead of Menagwins Car Park.

(16/067) Highways Matters

(i) Visibility in Tregorrick

The Chairman and Cllr Watkins are to look for a suitable site for a road mirror at the end of Penscott Lane

(ii) Signage for St Austell Rugby Club

The matter is ongoing and the Chairman and Cllr Muskett will identify a suitable location in Tregorrick

(iii) Other Highways matters

It was noted that the annual Roseland August Trail will take place on 13 August and the SWCP is overgrown in places. The Clerk will ask the contractors to make the second cut in time for the race.

It was noted that the roundabouts at the junction of the A390/B3273 are not being used correctly resulting in long queues.

Vegetation needs cutting back along the pavement leading from the old labs to the roundabout. The Clerk will inform the Town Council.

Litter – it was noted that there is litter in the layby near the hospice and a duvet has been dumped in the road leading to Kingswood. The Clerk will inform Cory.

(16/068) Meetings/Training Attended

5 July – The Clerk attended a Livestock in Fields Crossed by Public Rights of Way Awareness Day

6 July – The Clerk attended an SLCC Cornwall branch Smaller Councils Group meeting

12 July – The Clerk attended an SLCC Finance Training Day

14 July – The Clerk attended Cornwall Council's Who Decides? Governance review event

(16/069) Financial Matters

(a) Current balances were noted and the following payments were authorised:

Cheques			£
000317	Came & Company	Additional insurance premium for toilets	36.32
000318	Cornwall Council	Business Rates for toilets	57.00
000319	Sharp & Rimmer	Professional fees re transfer of toilets	443.00
000320	Carlyon PC	1/3 share IT cloud backup	20.00
000321	Lyreco	Cleaning products	13.34
000322	Cormac Solutions	Electrical supply for Pentewan defibrillator	180.00
000323	St Austell Bay PC	1/3 share Local Council Administration	25.53
000324	Mrs V Page	July salary	*
000325	Mrs J Larter	July salary	*
		Expenses	64.39
Automated Payments			
DD	British Gas	Electricity for toilets	12.64

*Publication of salary payments is excluded under the Data Protection Act

(b) Transparency Grant

The Clerk explained that the Parish Council received a grant last year to help the Council comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code. The Council can apply for a further grant each year and it was **RESOLVED that she should apply for a grant to cover one hour per month of her time.**

(16/070) Correspondence Received

A list of correspondence had previously been circulated. In addition, the following had been received since publication of the agenda

- CALC newsletter
- Communities and Devolution bulletin regarding libraries
- Tir Teg – the Cornwall AONB newsletter
- An email objecting to the planning application for 1 Higher West End
- Email from Cornwall Council on Community Led Planning

(16/071) Dates for the Diary

There were no dates for the diary

(16/072) Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

17 August - if needed, 14 September, 19 October, 16 November, 14 December

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

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Chairman

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